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SUBJECT: ARAB LEAGUE NEWS

1. FOLLOWING INFORMATION PROVIDED TO EMBOFF DECEMBER 18 BY
ARAB LEAGUE POLITICAL DIRECTOR:

A. EMERGENCY ARAB LEAGUE COUNCIL MEETING. ALTHOUGH
LOCAL PRESS HAS ANNOUNCED PLO IS PREPARING REQUEST OF
EMERGENCY FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING TO DISCUSS JANUARY 12
UNSC DEBATE, ARAB LEAGUE HAS NOT RECEIVED SUCH REQUEST. PLO,
AS NON-VOTING MEMBER, CANNOT MAKE SUCH REQUESTS IN ANY CASE.
FORMAL PROPOSAL MUST EMANATE FROM TWO MEMBER STATES AND BE
APPROVED BY ELEVEN.

B. ARAB SUMMIT. NO ONE IS PUSHING FOR SUMMIT. LIBYA
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HAS REJECTED SYG'S MARCH PROPOSAL, OMAN AND QATAR ARE

READY TO MEET ANYWHERE ANY TIME, AND EGYPT WISHES TO
WAIT UNTIL AFTER JANUARY (ALLEGEDLY BECAUSE OF PARADE
OF FOREIGN VISITORS WHO WERE TO BE HERE THEN; IN FACT,
UK AND DANISH PRIMINS HAVE POSTPONED.)

C. SAHARA: ARAB LEAGUE HAS RECEIVED MESSAGE FROM
F POLISSARIO ("ASSEMBLY") ASKING FOR SUPPORT FOR SAHARAN
PEOPLES' RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION. ALGERIAN AMBASSADOR
TO ARAB LEAGUE HAS ALREADY EXPRESSED TO SYG HIS STRONG
SUPORT OF THIS MESSAGE.

D. LEBANON. ALTHOUGH SECRETARIAT CONTINUES TO URGE
SYG RIAD TO "SHOULDER HIS RESPONSIBILITIES," RIAD WILL NOT
INSERT HIMSELF UNLESS HE IS CONFIDENT OF SUCCESS. ARAB
LEAGUE POLITICAL DIRECTOR LAMENTED HE IS UNAWARE OF A
SINGLE ARAB INITIATIVE NOW UNDERWAY TO END CIVIL WAR.

E. AFRO-ARAB SUMMIT. ARABS ARE STILL STALLING AND
HAVING INFORMALLY SUGGESTED TO OAU'S SYG THAT QUESTION BE
CONSIDERED AT OAU MINISTERAIL NEXT MARCH.
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